

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1-9, of which Claims 1, 3-6, 8, and 9 are independent. Claim 9 has been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled.

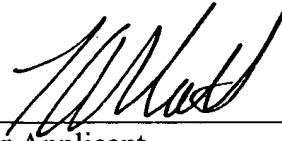
Favorable consideration and entry of the above amendments to Claim 9 are respectfully sought.

As the Examiner will appreciate, the wherein clause of Claim 9 duplicates the phrase “without switching the excitation phases, and stopping excitation after the predetermined time period”. By way of this Amendment, Applicants seek to eliminate the second recitation of the aforementioned phrase. Such amendment will in no way change the scope of Claim 9 or affect its allowability. It will merely improve upon the readability of that claim.

Favorable consideration and entry of the amendment to Claim 9 is respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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